Nobler than that it covers : let thy effects
So follow, to be most unlike our courtiers.,
As good as promise.

[Reads.] *When as a lion's whelp shall, to himself unknown, without seeking Jind, and be embraced by a piece of tender air; and when from a stately cedar shall be lopped branches, which., being dead many years., shall after revive, be jointed to the old stock, and freshly grow ; then shall Post humus end his miseries, Britain be fortunate, and flourish in peace and plenty.*

'Tis still a dream; or else such stuff as madmen Tongue, and brain not[7]: either both, or nothing : Or senseless speaking, or a speaking such As sense cannot untie[s]. Be what it is, The action of my life is like it, which 111 keep, if but for sympathy.

Re-enter Gaolers.

*GAOL** Come, sir, are you ready for death ? *POST.* Over-roasted rather : ready long ago.

The substantive, as Mr. Todd has observed in his edition of Johnsoh's Dictionary, occurs without the epithet in Greene, and Antony a Wood.:

[44] There was no feather, *nofangle,* fan, nor jewel left behind."

Greene's Mamillia, 1583. [£<] A hatred *tofangles* and the French fooleries of his time."

A. Wood Aili. Ox. ii. col. 456.

BOSWELL* 7 Tongue, and brain not:] To perfect the line we may read :

" *Do* tongue, and brain not : "

STEEVENS.

[s] 'Tis still a dream ; or else such stuff as madmen Tongue, and brain not: either both, or nothing: Or senseless speaking[1], or a speaking such As sense cannot untie.] The meaning, which is too thin to be easily caught, I take to be this : *[s] This is a dream or madness, or both,—or nothing,—but whether it be a speech without consciousness, (as in a dream,) or a speech unintelligible,, (as in madness, be it as it is,) it is like my course of life." We might perhaps read:

" *Whether* both, or nothing •"

JOHNSON.